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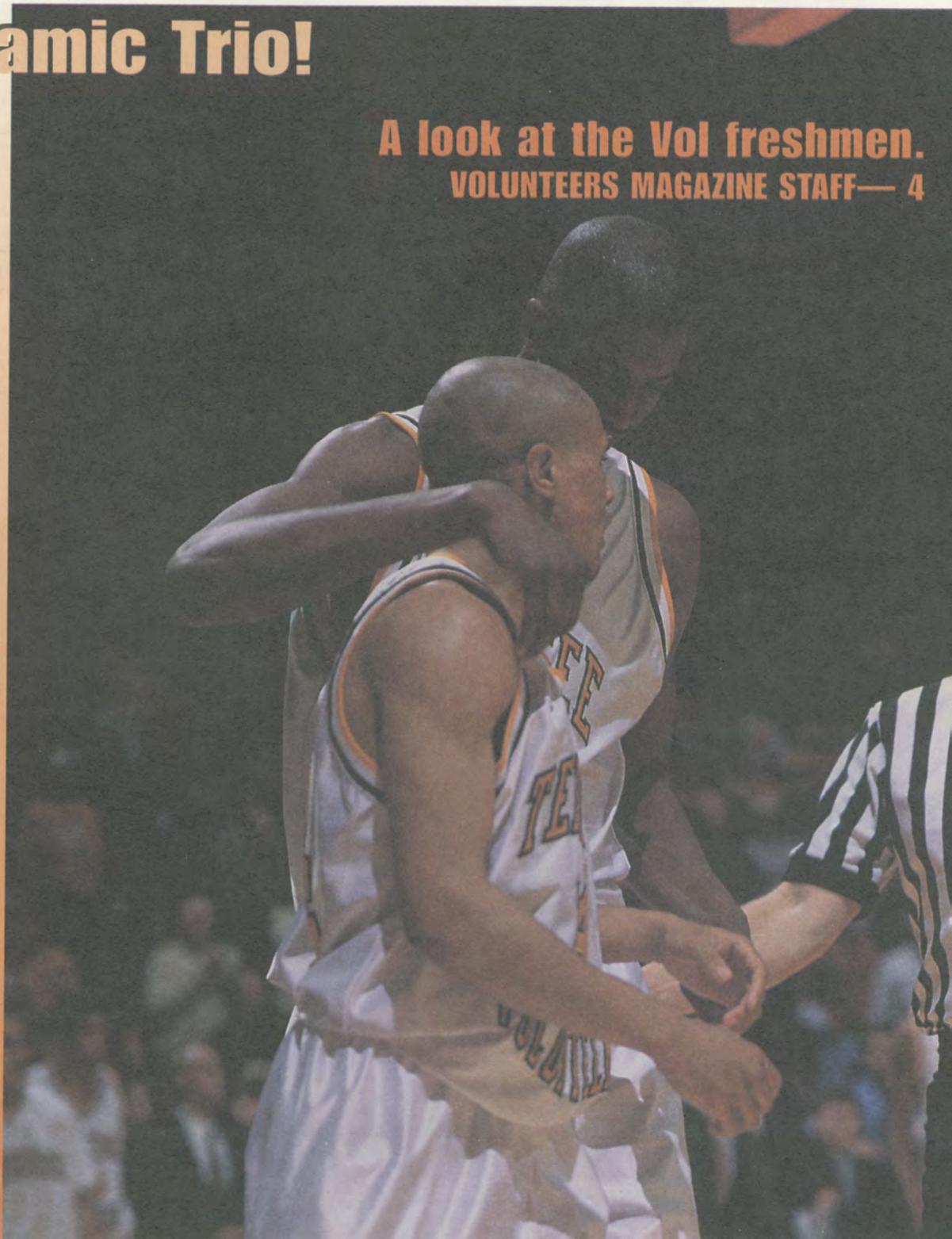

A look at the Vol freshmen.

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A SUCCESSFUL FALL 1997 FOR OVER 160 STUDENT-ATHLETES

The University of Tennessee Athletic Department recently released information on the success of our student-athletes in the classroom during Fall Semester of 1997. The following student athletes had a combined GPA of 3.0 or better.

Vol Student-Athletes

BASEBALL - Hal Bibee; Jeremy Brown; Travis Copley; William Curtiss; Eduardo Figueroa and Jeff Pickler.

BASKETBALL - Aaron Green and Scott Moore.

FOOTBALL - Mikki Allen; David Badger; Will Bartholomew; Charles Beaty; Billy Beron; Bradley Blalock; Gregory Bostic; James Braswell; Samuel Burnette; Eric Campbell; Jeffrey Campbell; Josh Campbell; Marcus Carr; Mabry Casey; Bill Duff; Michael Emert; Melvin Evans; John Finlayson; Jeremy Fitzgerald; Maurice Fitzgerald; Sammy Frogg; Stephen Green; Bernard Gooden; Dwayne Goodrich; William Hawkins; Russell Hembree; Chris Hogue; Michael Houston; Andre James; Jonathan Jones; Michael Jones; Gavin Kralik; Andre Lott; Peyton Manning; David Martin; Clay McAmis; Shawn McFray; David Leaverton; Christopher Lewis; Josh Plemmons; Billy Ratliff; Robert Starks; Travis Stephens; Jonathan Sweet; Kevin Taylor; Josh Tucker; Burney Veazey; Darwin Walker and Fred Wortman.

GOLF - Kariem Baraka; Derrick Centers; Ryo Fukami; Kevin Kinser; Kevin Law and Phanthep Somsamart

SWIMMING - Lance Asti; Brendan Crowley; Charles Chiappetta; Zane Dewitz; Allen Jones; Casey Quilter; Joel Shapir and Rob Strauber.

TENNIS - Charles Copenhaver; Roger Ilias and Kaspar Rasmussen.

Track - Aaron Ausmus; Christopher Beale; Wes Boudreau; Philip Carter; Grant Cleghorn; Justin Devine; Bob Dickie; John Dickson; Joseph Dickson; Jesse Ellington; Adam Engle; Jesus Fernandez; Jared Fulford; Andrew Harman; Russell Johnson; Andrew Knight; Joshua Mears; Timothy O'Hare; Benjamin Pitman; Jeremy Racey and Matthew Rush.

Lady Vol Student-Athletes

Basketball - Niya Butts; Brynae Laxton and Laurie Milligan.

Golf - Rachel Thompson.

Soccer - Natalie Balash; Kelly Berrall; Heather Handel; Jodie Hanlon; Bethany Himel; Kassie Kees; Laura Lauter; Melissa Majcher; Debbie Markovich; Rachael Newkirk; Whitney Rayburn; Heather Redecker; Sara Shively and Lisa Tipton.

Softball - Sarah Ayres; Jackie Beavers; Kenyail Norris; Jodi Ramirez, Jenny Steele and Carrie Swinford.

Swimming - Luciana Abe; Missy Bell; Tanya Felton; Jennifer Mancini; Paula Marsiglia; Fabiola Molina; Sarah Nichols; Sarah Payette; Kathy Pesek; Cheri Sears and Jill Sprecher.

Tennis - Whitney Dill; Catherine Hall; Kelli Heaton; Manisha Malhotra; Candy Reid; Megan Russell; Vinnie Seiverling and Emily Woodside.

Track - Amy Bartosik; Dorothy Denko; Michelle Elfervig; Maureen Ferris; Leslie Henley; Melissa Hiller; Natalie Johnson; Saidah Jones; Meghan Mantlo; Kristen Ritter and Melinda Watkins.

Volleyball - Lauren Clayton; Mary Heinecke; Jenny Meeks; Allison Stricklin; Christy Warren and Ariana Wilson.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE salutes those students who have worked so diligently in the classroom. Congratulations on a great job.

Tennessee's GTE Academic All-Americas

With Peyton Manning's selection to the GTE Academic All-America team, the Vols now have placed 19 student-athletes on 24 of the All-America teams since 1956. They are:

Charles Rader - football (1956)
Bill Johnson - football (1957)
Mack Gentry - football (1965)
Bob Johnson - football (1967)
Bill Justus - basketball (1968)
Tim Priest - football (1970)
Bobby Tucker - baseball (1972-73)
Tim Irwin - football (1980)
Mike Terry - football (1982)
Troy Robinson - track (1988)
Clark Rose - baseball (1989)
Eric Still - football (1989)
Lang Wiseman - basketball (1991-93)
Lars Sumberg - track (1995)
R.A. Dickey - baseball (1996)
Chris Mahoney - tennis (1996)
Stewart Ellington - track (1996)
Peyton Manning - football (1996-97)
Jeff Pickler - baseball (1997)

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

EDITOR'S NOTE: The women's GTE Academic All-America list was not available at press time.

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From the Editor

The Importance of Your Contributions to the VASF!

A college education. A competitive edge. This is what the VASF is about. Yes, there are tickets, parking passes, and bowl trips too, but ultimately the VASF is all about a college education and, a competitive edge.

Sure, a college education is easy to understand. The first responsibility of the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships and a chance at a college degree to Tennessee student-athletes.

But, you ask, what does this mean, this competitive edge. The competitive edge means different things to different folks. By providing $7.6 million in contributions last year (and over $50 million since 1986), VASF donors have given UT a competitive edge that has helped a storied, tradition laden athletic program continue to blossom, continue to improve, continue to seek championships.

To Carmen Tegano, UT's associate AD for student life and academic services, the competitive edge means being able to offer a comprehensive package of support, mentoring, and learning which enables student-athletes from all education and socioeconomic backgrounds to develop in to successful students, as well as successful, productive citizens in the real world.

For Philip Fulmer, the competitive edge might mean a recruiting budget which allows him to judge prospective student-athletes on the basis of their character and skills, not by where the prospect lives and how much a plane ticket to make a home visit costs.

For Jerry Green, the competitive edge could mean the ability to take full advantage of a summertime overseas trip as a chance to blend players and coaches into a new system, which now has the Vols in contention for postseason play.

For all Vol coaches, the competitive edge means that they are free to select the student-athletes from all over the country and the world, rather than having a predetermined limit on more expensive out of state grants.

For the University's general student population, the competitive edge means $450,000 in support annually for the Band, Neyland, and Bicentennial Scholarship programs, in addition to a $1 million pledge in support for new faculty and technology, cementing the athletic department's positive partnership with the University's academic mission.

For the citizens of the state of Tennessee, as well as alumni and friends of "The Hill", it means a flagship University with an athletic program that brings positive recognition throughout the country.

But for mothers and fathers from Memphis to the Mountains and beyond, the competitive edge means a scholarship which is often the only way a son, neighbor or friend can achieve a college education.

For those of us lucky enough to witness the growth in young men from 18-year old freshmen to 23-year old college graduates, ready to take on the real world, the competitive edge is watching it all happen, watching the pride in a parent's face as they watch their son make a touchdown saving tackle, or hit a home run, or ace a serve. It's seeing tears and hugs of joys on graduation morning.

And, its interacting with the greatest fans and supporters in the country.

So, what is the competitive edge? Actually its not a "what," it's a "who." Ten Thousand VASF donors. You are the competitive edge. You are the scholarships, the facility improvements, the academic counseling, the sports medicine, the career counseling. The Athletic Department and The University of Tennessee salute VASF donors for making the Volunteer program one of the nation's best.

As you consider renewing your annual VASF gift by March 1, 1998, be assured that you are appreciated. As you consider the future of UT, know that you are the key to a brighter tomorrow. Thanks for your help!

—John Currie

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The Dynamic Trio!

Three New Faces Don Orange and White

A glance over to the Tennessee bench this season reveals three new faces donning the Orange and White and taking to the hardcourt this season for the Vols. For all three, it was a long wait until the opening tip of the 1997 season.

One face was on the bench last season but was being red-shirted. Another face belonged to one of the top high school players in the country last season, and after an early commitment to the Vols had to wait over a year before seeing game action as a Vol. The third new face was also an early commitment, and he too had to wait a year before playing for the Vols.

For red-shirt freshman Isiah Victor, last season was a time of ups and downs. When the 6-9 native of Hopkinsville, Ky., arrived on campus last year, he expected to be playing along side his teammates. But that was not to be.

Questions of academic eligibility arose before the season and no decision was made on his status until the season was well underway. Finally a decision was made to red-shirt him.

"Last year was hard at first, because I was being told that I might be able to play, then I was told maybe the next game," Victor said. "Then I was told it would be better if I red-shirted. I was upset, but it was a relief because I knew where I stood. All that is behind me now and I am looking forward to contributing this."

Victor is making an impact on the Vols this this season. Due to rash of injuries and his hard work, Victor has stepped into a starting role for the Vols. He is averaging nearly eight points a game and over four rebounds a game.

Tennessee received a much needed boost from three talented signees. Together, Del Baker (right), Isiah Victor (center) and Tony Harris (left) have helped to lead the Vols to a possible post-season bid to either the NIT or the NCAA.

"I think Isiah is really improving," Vol head coach Jerry Green said. "The key for him offensively is for him to know what he is going to do with the ball. When he knows what he is going to do, he is as good as anybody we have got in the low post. He is maturing, and he is getting tougher mentally."

Victor comes to Knoxville from University Heights Academy in Hopkinsville, Ky. He averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds in a game while leading his team to the Class A Kentucky state championship his senior season.

For freshman point guard Tony Harris, he has been in the media spotlight since he first emerged as a top Division I prospect while at East High School in Memphis. He was highly recruited and committed to the Vols during the early signing period. But after a change in head coaches at UT, there were rumors that Harris may waver on his commitment. But Green reaffirmed Harris' commitment, and he is now the point guard for the Vols.

Thus far Harris has not disappointed Big Orange fans.

He has dazzled fans with his ball handling ability and with his moves to the basket. Harris leads the Vols in scoring at 13.7 points per game and also leads the team with 52 total assists.

Since Harris has filled the role of point guard, Brandon Wharton has moved to the role of shooting guard. This

to has paid dividends, as Wharton is just behind Harris at 13.3 points a game after the road win over Alabama. Wharton is also shooting over 40 percent from behind the 3-point arc.

At first Harris was concerned about how the other players would accept a freshman point guard, but he is now comfortable with his role.

"I first I thought it would be hard coming in as a freshman and telling those guys what to do," he said. "But as time has went by and I got better acquainted with them, they embraced me and took me under their wings.

"Being a leader is not that hard, because I have always been the leader on the court, now I will just be doing it on the college level. I am a point guard, I want to distribute the ball. I had to score in high school, but I am passer. I like setting people up and making them look good."

Though Harris likes to set people up, he leads SEC freshmen in scoring. Georgia's Jumaine Jones is the only other freshmen in the league who is averaging in double digits.

The SEC is a tough league to play in for anybody, especially a freshmen. But Harris has taken on the challenge.

"The toughest thing for me is learning about the other guys in the league and playing against them," he said. "You have to study the guys you are playing against. You just can't go out there and play basketball, so I want to know who is playing point guard for the other teams in the SEC. You have to look at those guys and see what they like to do, and then don't let them do it on the court."

Green has turned the reins of his team over the Harris.

"You want to give him a lot of responsibility, let him make mistakes and give him some guidelines to go by," Green said. "I want to take the extremes away and the sooner he can do that the better he can be. He is very coachable and you can't really work him hard enough."

Green also believes Harris brings a sense of toughness to the Vol cagers.

"He is a tough kid, and he is not soft," Green said. "He played an inner-city tough type game and is tough nosed kid. He is not a three-car garage type player."

While at East High School, Harris named Class AAA Mr. Basketball and was the Gatorade Circle of Champions Tennessee Player of the Year. He finished his high school career as the sixth leading scorer all-time in the Memphis area. During his junior season in 1996, he lead his team to the Class AAA state championship and was named the tournament's most valuable player.

"Some guards are quick and then some are like jets, and I would put him in the jet category," Green said. "He is quick on quick, and he loves to play defense. He can make the shot if he needs to, but he loves to dish the ball. He can also finish when he penetrates the lane."

Rounding the three new Vols is guard Del Baker. He may be new the Vols, but the Vols are certainly not new to him. He played his high school basketball at nearby Cleveland High School. He led his team to the 1997 Class AAA state championship and was a first-team Class AAA All-State selection.

"Right now I want to come in and help any way I can and do what it takes win some ball games," Baker said. "I can be another man to bring off the bench, and help defend the taller players on the perimeter a little better."

Baker believes the up tempo offense Green has installed has been beneficial for the Vols.

"With the players we have, we can put the excitement back in UT basketball," he said. "I can't be anything but be excited about this season. We are pretty solid from top to bottom, make each other better, and are ready to play."

All three of these players are making an impact on the Vols. Adding them to a team with four returning starters and nine returning lettermen can only improve the Vol basketball success.

—Rob Hardin

Del Baker came off the bench to provide quality minutes for the 1998 Vols.

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— Tony Harris

From the Hardwood...
VOLS TAKE SEC GAMES!

The past few weeks of Vols hoops saw the Vols pull off two SEC road wins and pick up a home win against Georgia. Tennessee also dropped two games, to nationally ranked, to South Carolina, and lost a home contest, and to Kentucky. The injury bug also bit again, as sophomore Vegas Davis is expected to be sidelined until March with a knee injury. Here's a look at the action.

Tennessee 70, S. Carolina 69

There is something to be said about confidence and what it can do for a basketball team. The Vols came into the game against South Carolina having won three straight. If you remember, they lost to the Gamecocks by 30 in Columbia.

This game belonged to the Vols who did not allow South Carolina a lead until 11:16 to go in the game, and trailed by no more than four points.

It seemed that somebody was stepping up big on each trip down the floor, whether it be Torrey Harris who erased the Gamecocks four point lead on successive baskets, or Isiah Victor hitting a three-pointer from the top of the key to give the Vols the lead for good. Offensively, the Vols did everything right to give themselves a chance to win, including giving up only 12 turnovers the entire game.

Defensively, the Vols allowed BJ McKie to play his game, but did not allow the other Gamecocks to get into a rhythm.

The Vols used 22 points from Tony Harris and 19 points from Brandon Wharton to pull even in the SEC at 5-5, and more importantly 15-5 overall on the season.

After losing 85-67 in Knoxville Brandon Wharton and the Vols battled the Kats to an 80-74 decision in Lexington, dropping the Vols to 15-6 on the season.

Tennessee 77, Georgia 48

It was a night for all Vols fans to enjoy at Thompson-Boling Arena.

Tennessee used a stingy defense and placed three players in double figures to pick up the 29-point win.

Tennessee held the Bulldogs (10-11, 2-7) to only four field goals and 13 points in the first half and limited them to 28.8 percent shooting for the game. It may have been the best defensive effort of the season for the Vols.

"I would say that's one of our best, if not the best, defensive efforts," junior Rashard Lee said. "Holding a team to 13 points, that's something we have not done in a while."

A Tony Harris bucket early in the game staked the Vols to a 7-0 lead, and it was 14-10 with under 11 minutes left in the half.

From there it was all Tennessee. The Vols scored the next 14 points of the half. Georgia only managed a free throw and a late bucket in the half in the final 10 minutes. At one stretch the Bulldogs went almost 13 minutes without a field goal.

Meanwhile, Tennessee capped its first half run with a 3-pointer by Lee, and Brandon Wharton's 40-footer at the buzzer rattled home to give Tennessee a 35-13 lead.

Despite foul trouble with C.J. Black and Isiah Victor, the Vols continued to keep the pressure on the Bulldogs. The lead topped 30 late the game.

Tony Harris led Tennessee with 16 points. Lee added 12 with seven rebounds, and Wharton finished with 11. Torrey Harris matched his career high with nine and added eight rebounds.

In only 17 minutes of action due to the aforementioned foul trouble, Victor took top rebounding honors with 11.

Freshman Jumaine Jones led Georgia with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Tennessee 72, LSU 65

The Vols got 25 points from Black on a 10-13 shooting performance to gain their second consecutive SEC road win. It was the first time since 1989 the Vols have pulled off back-to-back SEC road wins.

Wharton added 14 points including three 3-pointers, and Tony Harris dropped in 10 points and dished out six assists.

The men in Orange maintained a double digit lead for most of the second half. A 3-pointer by Rogers Washington though cut the lead to 63-57 with just under two minutes to play. Black answered with jam, but Willie Anderson canned a 3-pointer for the Tigers and the lead was 67-63 with under a minute to play. LSU got the score to 68-65, but Wharton hit two free throws, and Lee added a layup to secure the win.

LSU (9-10, 2-7) placed three players in double figures led by Maurice Carter with 18.

Tennessee opened up a 10-point advantage in the first half after a Wharton 3-pointer with just over minute to play in the half. After Victor took a charge to give the Vols possession, Wharton drained another trey to send the Vols in up 36-23 at the half.

Tennessee 84, Alabama 70

Tennessee's 1997 trip to Tuscaloosa gave the Vols their first road win against the Tide since 1981.

Wharton and Tony Harris each had 18 points to lead four players in double figures. Black added 14, and Lee chipped in with 13.

Alabama (9-12, 1-7) was led by Brian Williams with 22 points.

The Vols opened up a 35-23 first-half lead after Wharton hit one of four 3-pointers on the night with four minutes on the clock.

The lead stayed in double figures for the entire second half. It grew to as large as 18 after a jumper by Lee with 11:25 to go in the game. The Tide got the lead down down to 11 with 6:54 left in the game, but a free throw by Victor followed by a steal from Lee which resulted in Wharton 3-pointer pushed the lead back out to 15.

Kentucky 85, Tennessee 67

The Vols were holding a 17-16 lead after a layup by Tony Harris, but then Kentucky (18-2, 7-0) reeled off 20 unanswered points. The lead was 36-17 with 7:38 left in the half.

The Vols battled back to cut the lead down to six, but could not close the gap on the Wildcats.

Black paced four Vols in double figures with 15. Wharton added 14, Tony Harris 13, and Lee finished with 10.

Scott Padgett led Kentucky with 20.

S. Carolina 81, Tennessee 51

The score stood tied at 11 with 11:50 to go in the first half. But South Carolina (12-3, 4-2) closed out the first half with a 28-9 run to open up a 39-20 lead at the break. The Gamecocks maintained a comfortable lead throughout the second half.

Lee led Tennessee with 10 points. LeRon Williams had 25 for South Carolina, and BJ McKie added 20.

OTHER SPORTS NOTABLES

Tennessee's swimming and diving team defeated Florida in their final home meet of the season 134-105. It was the final meet for Olympic Champion Jeremy Linn and fellow seniors Steve Carter, Craig Gilliam, Shawn McNew, Christopher Olafson, Casey Quilter, Rob Strauber, Sean Stringer and Tom Williams.

The Aqua Vols will compete next at the SEC Swimming and Diving Championships in Gainesville, Fla., on Feb. 15-21.

Tennessee's golf team finished 12th at the Rice University International Intercollegiate in Monterrey, Mexico. The Vols were led by Phanthep Somsamart, who finished 11th. Kevin law finished tied for 24th, while Kariem Baraka tied for 29th.

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING CLINIC SET: The 17th annual University of Tennessee Strength and Conditioning Clinic will be held March 6 and 7 at the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center on campus. The Friday night symposium for coaches and parents only begins at 7 p.m.

The clinic on Saturday begins at 8:15 a.m. and will feature a speaker for coaches/parents and weightroom/fieldhouse activities for the athletes. For complete details, call (423) 974-1221.

EAST

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Kentucky	9	1	.900	21	3	.875
S.Carolina	7	3	.700	17	4	.810
Tennessee	5	5	.500	15	5	.750
Florida	5	5	.500	12	8	.600
Vanderbilt	4	6	.400	15	7	.682
Georgia	3	7	.300	11	11	.500

WEST

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Arkansas	9	1	.900	20	3	.870
Mississippi	6	4	.600	15	5	.750
Auburn	6	4	.600	14	7	.667
Miss. State	2	8	.200	13	10	.565
LSU	2	8	.200	9	11	.450
Alabama	2	8	.200	10	13	.435

BOX SCORES

TENNESSEE (70), SOUTH CAROLINA (69) 2/7/98

South Carolina(17-4, 7-3)

Gallman 2-7 1-2 5, Grant 4-6 2-2 12, Stack 1-5 2-2 5, McKie 8-14 6-6 27, Watson 4-11 2-2 10, Davis 1-4 0-0 2, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Nix 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 3-4 2-2 8. Totals 23-54 15-16 69.

TENNESSEE (15-5, 5-5)

Black 3-7 0-0 6, Torrey Harris 2-3 0-3 4, Tony Harris 9-18 2-2 22, Wharton 7-15 2-3 19, Lee 5-9 0-0 10, Victor 3-5 2-2 9, Green 0-2 0-0 0, Baker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-59 6-10 70.

TENNESSEE (77), GEORGIA (48) 2/4/98

Georgia (9-11, 2-8)

J Jones 6-15 4-4 16, Chadwick 2-10 0-0 4, Hall 0-2 2-4 2, Ransom 0-6 0-0 0, Smith 4-9 2-2 11, A Jones 1-3 0-0 3, Brown 1-5 1-4 3, Oliver 1-2 2-5 4, Dukes 0-1 1-2 1, Nordin 0-2 0-1 0, Dryden 2-4 0-0 4. TOTALS 17-59 12-22 48.

TENNESSEE (14-5, 4-5)

Lee 5-14 0-0 12, Black 3-5 3-5 9, Torrey Harris 4-8 1-3 9, Wharton 3-13 3-3 11, Tony Harris 6-11 1-2 16, Victor 1-2 3-6 5, Baker 2-5 0-0 4, Green 2-5 2-2 7, Moore 0-0 1-2 1, Sewell 1-2 0-0 3. TOTALS 27-65 14-23 77.

TENNESSEE (72), LSU (65) 1/31/98

TENNESSEE (13-5, 3-5)

Lee 4-13 0-1 9, Black 10-13 4-4 25, Torrey Harris 3-7 0-2 6, Tony Harris 3-6 1-2 10, Wharton 4-10 3-4 14, Green 0-3 0-0 0, Baker 0-1 0-0 0, Victor 1-4 6-8 8. Totals 25-57 14-21 72.

LSU (9-10, 2-7)

Caston 0-1 0-0 0, Potts 0-5 2-3 2, Washington 6-15 0-0 14, Tucker 2-2 2-6 6, M. Carter 5-15 7-8 18, Earl 1-2 0-0 2, Anderson 5-12 3-4 16, C. Carter 2-4 3-4 7. Totals 21-56 17-25 65.

TENNESSEE (84), ALABAMA (70) 1/28/98

TENNESSEE (12-5, 2-5)

Black 6-15 1-2 14, Davis 3-4 0-0 8, Torrey Harris 2-3 1-3 5, Tony Harris 6-12 4-4 18, Wharton 6-14 2-2 18, Lee 4-6 4-6 13, Victor 2-8 2-4 6, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Baker 1-2 0-0 2, Moore 0-0 0-0 0, Sewell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-65 14-21 84.

Alabama (9-12, 1-7)

Bacote 2-7 2-5 7, Alexander 3-7 0-0 6, Hays 5-8 2-5 12, Williams 5-17 8-9 22, Jones 3-6 2-2 9, Ashby 0-2 0-0 0, London 2-3 1-2 5, Thrasher 0-0 0-0 0, Martin 2-3 2-2 7, Mazique 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 23-54 17-25 70.

KENTUCKY (85), TENNESSEE (67) 1/24/98

Kentucky (18-2, 7-0)

Edwards 2-4 2-2 6, Padgett 8-11 2-2 20, Mohammed 3-4 0-0 6, Turner 6-14 5-6 17, Sheppard 6-9 0-0 17, Magloire 4-9 2-4 10, Evans 2-6 0-0 4, Smith 0-2 0-1 0, Bradley 0-0 1-2 1, Mills 1-2 0-0 2, Anthony 1-1 0-0 2, Hogan 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-63 12-17 85.

TENNESSEE (11-5, 1-5)

Black 3-9 9-12 15, Davis 2-4 0-0 5, Torrey Harris 1-2 0-0 2, Tony Harris 3-12 5-8 13, Wharton 4-12 4-6 14, Lee 2-13 5-5 10, Victor 2-7 2-4 6, Baker 1-1 0-0 2, Moore 0-0 0-0 0, Sewell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-60 25-35 67.

SOUTH CAROLINA (81), TENNESSEE (51) 1/21/98

TENNESSEE (11-4, 1-4)

Lee 4-14 1-2 10, Black 0-1 4-7 4, T. Harris 1-3 3-5 5, Wharton 3-14 1-2 9, Davis 2-7 0-0 5, Green 0-3 0-0 0, Sewell 1-2 0-0 2, Baker 2-6 0-0 6, Moore 1-3 0-0 2, Victor 4-8 0-1 8. Totals 18-61 9-17 51.

South Carolina (12-3, 4-2)

Gallman 4-6 2-2 10, Grant 2-7 0-0 5, Stack 1-2 2-2 4, McKie 6-14 7-9 20, Watson 3-11 2-4 8, Ross 2-5 0-0 4, Rouse 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-4 1-2 1, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Nix 0-1 2-2 2, Formanek 1-1 0-0 2, Williams 12-15 1-2 25. Totals 31-67 17-23 81.

Green's Fast Break...

February Hoops Action!

Comments from the win over South Carolina:

"That was a heck of a college basketball game. I am glad we were good enough to make it competitive and even happier we won it. South Carolina is a fine team. Eddie (Fogler) has them rock solid. We go back so far, Fogler and I do. A lot of the things that we run he knows and a lot of the things that he runs, we know. We were calling plays out and he was calling plays out from the other end and it seemed to warn their players to watch this and watch that.

"In the first half, I thought our defense was really, really good. We were going behind their screens on the ball, which is something we have had to work on. The team is real coachable right now. At LSU we double teamed the ball at the point of the screen; today we went behind the screen, trying to contain those great guards (BJ McKie and Melvin Watson). In the second half, BJ McKie went off with those threes and taking it into the lane. He is a heck of a basketball player.

"Down the stretch it seemed like everybody made a play for us. whether it was C.J. making a rebound, or Torrey making a defensive play, or Isiah making a three at the top of the key, or Brandon making a shot or Tony making a steal. It seemed like everybody just chipped in. On that last play for us, if we couldn't get the ball to the guards, C.J. Black said if Tony is not open then just lob it up to me and I will go get it. Sure enough that is exactly what happened, and he made a great pass out of that.

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"We were struggling at the time Isiah made his three-point basket. I think their defense had a lot to do with that. I was breathing a little easier when it went through than when he let go. If I am not mistaken, that was his first of the year. We don't want him shooting over hands, but it looked to me like he was wide open.

"This is the most pressure I have seen them apply to anybody. I have seen them on 10 or 12 films in the last few days and I thought we handled it well.

Comments on win over Georgia:

"In the first half we played good defense. we had good looks at the basket and we were really active rebounding the ball both offensively and defensively. In the second half, my fear was that we would concentrate on maintaining our lead or not letting it slip away. But instead we tried to build on it.

"Later on, we occasionally tried to get too fancy and not take care of the ball. But it is a lot easier to stomach those things when you've got a big lead instead of being involved in a close game. Scott Moore played the best basketball he's played since we've had him. Isiah Victor was active, with his seven rebounds at the half, and Tony Harris looks more and more mature running the offense.

"It was a good game, probably as good as we have played for an entire game. It makes it a lot brighter coming to practice.

"The way Torrey Harris has stepped up showed we have a team. Torrey is a dream the way he takes coaching and listens and learns. He gets closer to his ability than anybody. It's a joy to work with him.

"Since the Kentucky game (the first meeting) we have played more unselfishly. Brandon could have taken more shots, but he and Tony shared the basketball. It's amazing how these guys pull for each other, unlike earlier in the year.

"I like the plays Aaron Green made and how he handled the ball. I hope he will soon work his way back into shape."

—Jerry Green

In this issue, our ***Spotlight on the Lady Vols*** features a diver and a swimmer.

JANE WOODARD
5-3, Freshman
Cape Town, South Africa

The only freshman on the diving squad, Woodard made an immediate impact upon her arrival. Although only competing in three meets this season before returning to her native South Africa to train for the World Championships, Woodard qualified for the NCAA Zone B Diving Championships.

After collecting a 19th-place finish on the one-meter springboard and a 25th-place finish on the three-meter springboard at the World Championships, she returned to the team for the Jan. 31st Georgia meet.

Woodard posted her collegiate-best score at Clemson, where she registered a winning mark of 292.97 points on the three-meter. At the same meet, she placed second with another collegiate-high of 262.50 points. In her first home contest, she was second against Arkansas and third against Miami (Fla.) on the three-meter. In her UT debut, she was second on the three-meter and fourth on the one-meter against Kentucky.

The Cape Town native has helped Tennessee to a No. 12 ranking in the latest poll. Yet, it is in her native land where she has made her biggest impact. A two-time national champion in both the one- and three-meter springboards, she also captured the All-Africa Games title in 1995 in the same two events.

During her career, she has also competed at FINA Grand Prix meets in Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria; Rome, Italy; Madrid, Spain: and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. At Herschel High School, Woodard led her diving team to league crowns in 1992, 1993 and 1995.

Woodard is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences.

EMILY PLUMMER
5-8, Senior
Concord, California

A three-time All-American, Plummer had her best outing of the year on Nov. 7 in a triple-dual meet against Arkansas and Miami (Fla.). She captured the 50y freestyle and the 100y backstroke, while swimming the lead-off leg of the 4x100y medley relay. She has provisionally qualified for the NCAAs in the 100y backstroke.

At the Georgia Invitational, she clocked lifetime best's in the 50y (23.68) and 100y (51.10) freestyles and the 100y backstroke (55.50). In the meet against Clemson, she claimed the 50y free. Against Kentucky, she took second in both the 50y and 100y free, and anchored the 4x100y freestyle relay to victory.

A senior from Concord, Calif., Plummer is one of nine Lady Vols competing in their final year. As a junior, she nearly missed the NCAAs. That season, she notched a seventh-place finish in the 100y backstroke.

Plummer experienced her greatest success as a sophomore. In her first NCAA appearance, she placed eighth in the 4x100y medley relay, ninth in the 4x50y freestyle relay and 13th in the 4x100y freestyle relay. The 4x100y medley relay team notched a school record in the preliminaries in 3:43.76. In total at the meet, she was responsible for collecting 13.5 points, helping the team to a ninth-place finish.

That year at the SEC Championships, she was third overall in scoring, bringing in 58.5 points. Earlier in the season, she had tallied 87 points at the Nike Cup. As a freshman, Plummer captured seventh at the SECs in the 100y backstroke.

A 1996 Academic All-SEC honoree, Plummer is majoring in exercise science.

—Brad Laux

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Ben Byrd on the Vols...

A Look Back at Paul Herman!

All right, students of UT basketball history, see if you can answer this trivia question.

Who was the only Vol basketballer ever to play on two Southeastern Conference championship teams?

I'll give you a clue. Study the pictures of the 1941 and 1943 teams that hang on the corridor wall down in Thompson-Boling Arena. Only one face looks back at you from both photographs.

His name was Paul Herman, and he is remembered by teammates and longtime Vol-watchers as one of the best role players in Vol cage annals. He was a starter for both of those championship seasons. He teamed with the great Gilbert Huffman at guard on the 1941 team, which boasted two other star performers in forward Bernie Mehen and center Frank Thomas. In his junior year, he moved to forward alongside the elder Mehen, then a senior, while sophomore Dick Mehen took over at the post and two footballers from Pittsburgh, Bunzy O'Neil and Mike Balitsaris, held down the guard positions.

The `43 team had Herman and sophomore Dick Fromm at forwards, the younger Mehen at center, and junior Ted Cook and the former Knoxville High great Bill Wright, a sophomore, at guards. Herman, an Ohio boy, was the captain of that team.

A study of the all-time records reveals that Herman's varsity career spanned the best three-season era in UT basketball. With the big Dutchman, John Mauer, at the helm, the Vols of that bygone period rang up won-lost records of 17-5, 19-3, 14-4 for an overall record of 50 and 12, a winning percentage of .816. No other three-year record reaches the .800 level.

Herman was the ultimate team player. He left the high scoring up to the Mehen brothers, Thomas, Huffman and Cook, while he worked at less glamorous tasks. He was an excellent passer, a strong rebounder and defensive mainstay.

The 1941 Vols won the SEC crown with a 36-33 triumph over Kentucky in the finals of the conference tournament at Louisville. That was the famous game that saw Bernie Mehen pull the hidden ball trick on his Wildcat guard three times, faking a pass and tucking the ball between his knees. On the third occasion Adolph Rupp rose from the Kentucky bench, pointed at Mehen's knees, and screamed, "There it is, dang it!"

Truth to tell, those two championships in three seasons could have easily have been three in three. The Vol team in the middle, the 1942 unit, could lay a strong claim to being UT's all-time best. Their 19-3 record is the tops, percentage wise, since the days of the center jump. That was the only season that the two Mehens played together on the varsity, and never before had there been a one-two scoring punch to approach their output, but that great team stumbled in a 21-18 loss to Alabama in the semifinals of the SEC tournament. Even so, it left its mark in the Vol cage history books. Its 36-33 upset over defending national champion Long Island University in the Sugar Bowl that season was a watershed victory for the Tennessee program, and for that matter, for basketball in the South.

The 1943 Vols were big underdogs when they took the floor against mighty Kentucky in the finals of the SEC tourney at Louisville. But the Wildcats couldn't stop Dick Mehen, who scored 18 points. At the other end of the floor Cook pitched a shutout at Kentucky ace Milt Ticco, and the Vols pulled off a 33-30 triumph.

There have been several other prosperous three-year runs by Vol cage teams. Blair Gullion's record for 1936-37-38 was 47-19. Mauer's last three seasons, 1945-46-47, yielded a 49-15 mark. Emmett Lowery's first three years, 1948-49-50, produced a 54-23 record. Ray Mears' 1967-68-69 teams, surprisingly, fashioned a better record than the Grunfeld-King years of `75-76-77 by a narrow margin, 62-20 to 61-20 And Don DeVoe's 1980-81-82 teams went 59-29.

But Tennessee basketball has never again dominated the SEC the way the Vols of the early `40's did, and no UT player has ever equalled Paul Herman's feat of playing on two conference championship teams during his varsity career.

Former Vol

Fred Jenkins

(1984-87)

Fred Jenkins came to the University of Tennessee from Columbia and ended his Vol career 26th on the all-time scoring list with 1149 points, averaging 10.4 points per game in 110 games as a Vol, shooting 49.4% for his career.

He was named the best team player and won the coaches' award as the team's best defensive player in 1985.

He won the Most Courageous Award, given in honor of Ricky Burchfield, in 1987. he led the team in steals all four years as a Vol and led in assists in 1986 and 1987. He is sixth on the career assists list with 388.

He now works for FedEx in Knoxville.

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Lady Vols Hoop Action...

Runnin' Like the Wind!

It is becoming very evident that a team with great speed, depth and abilities will wear out just about any opponent. It's like the days of General Neyland and Bear Bryant when they would demolish teams with superior numbers and strength. That is kind of what opposing teams are feeling when they face the high powered Lady Vol basketball team.

Since our last issue the Lady Vols have reeled off five straight wins, averaging over 90 points per contest and winning by almost 30 plus points a clip.

"Big Game No.3" came to Thompson-Boling Arena in the form of Old Dominion. You might remember them as Tennessee's opponent in the NCAA Championship game last season.

ODU wanted so much to make the Lady Vols play a half court game, and for the most part they did well. But Tennessee had too much athleticism and too much depth, knocking off the Monarchs 85-61.

Tennessee was led in scoring by All-America Chamique Holdsclaw with 33 points and 12 boards. Tennessee forced 27 turnovers which resulted in 32 points, while committing only 12 turnovers themselves.

Freshman Samika Randall held ODU's point guard Ticha Penicheiro to 10 points and nine assists, but more importantly they forced her into nine turnovers.

The game went from a double digit lead to nine points in the second half as Tennessee lost some of its intensity on defense. The Holdsclaw went to work, much the way Micheal Jordan does when the Bulls need a score.

"Chamique Holdsclaw made big plays when we had to have buckets, she came up, and that's why I think she is the best player in the game because she is a pressure player that can produce," said Coach Summitt.

Traveling down to Oxford for a rematch with Ole Miss, the Lady Vols used every offensive and defensive play in their arsenal in a 91-45 victory over the Rebels. Randall led all scorers with 19 points, Holdsclaw finished with 17 points, while Catchings was busy dishing out six assists and 15 points.

"Off course" could describe the game versus the Alabama Crimson Tide, as the Tide used a half-court offense to keep the game close. Tennessee won the game 73-67, but lost sophomore defensive stalwart Kyra Elzy for the season with an ACL injury.

When Georgia came to Knoxville, there were a few of us who were not quite sure what to expect out of the Lady Bulldogs. The series speaks for itself when numbers are factored in - games are typically close and are a real battle. Tennessee's 20-plus point win in Athens on Jan. 18 was a first for the series. What would this contest be like?

It looked more like a horse race with only one horse running for the win and the rest were just hoping to finish. Final - Lady Vols 102, Bulldogs 43.

The Lady Vols opened up an early advantage just like they did in Athens, only they did not let up. Players like Randall, Holdsclaw and Catchings were finding easy pickings in the paint, racing to a 53-21 first half lead. Not to mention they shot 58% from the floor, while Georgia was shot a cool 34.6%, 24.6% for the game after a 17% effort in the second half.

The second half looked much like the first, four points less, while shooting a sizzling 62.9%, while raising their overall percentage to over 60% on the night. That is to be expected when you score 76 points in the paint. Of that, 40 points came off of 36 Georgia turnovers.

Everyone contributed, but the tempo was set by Georgia who appeared to want to run with Tennessee. Not a good idea. Holdsclaw had 20 of her 28 points by halftime, while the remaining squad was busy leveling the workload.

What was really impressive was the way that the Lady Vols ran the floor. They were unselfish, as was evident in the 21 assists handed out during the contest. Freshman "Ace" Clement led the team with seven of those, a couple of which were quite nifty, and one coming from the football book on a perfectly tosses pass to a streaking Randall for a layin.

Jolly was playing her typical role, dishing out five assist, three steals, eight points and helped hold their shooting guards to a combined 7-for-33 performance. She has stepped up her game and it has helped their game tremendously.

Randall got the starting nod for this outing and responded with 20 points, which is just what she has been averaging since the new year began.

—Donnell Field

POSTGAME NOTE: The win over ODU was Coach Summitt's 650th of her career and stretched Tennessee's record to 25-0 on the season.

"EVERY TIME WE TOUCH THE BALL WE ARE LOOKING TO PUSH TEMPO. WE ARE PUSHING AFTER A MAKE, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE REALLY LOOKING TO RUN WITH US. I THINK THE STRENGTH OF OUR TEAM, OR ONE THING THAT STANDS OUT IN MY MIND, IS OUR DEPTH. WE HAVE PLAYERS THAT CAN PLAY MULTIPLE POSITIONS. IF WE KEEP THAT ROTATION GOING AND WE KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF FOUL TROUBLE, THEN WE WANT TO PUSH TEMPO... I THINK FROM THE FIRST POSSESSION THAT GEORGIA HAD, IT WAS APPARENT TO ME THAT THEY WANTED TO RUN, AND REALLY I WANTED TO SEE WHAT A 40 MINUTE GAME WOULD BE LIKE.."

—LADY VOL HEAD COACH PAT SUMMITT

In other Lady Vol action, they defeated Vandy 86-54, DePaul 125-46, and Kentucky 93-65.

This Week In Big Orange Country

DIAMOND VOLS OPEN SEASON

The Vols opened up their 1998 campaign with an offensive explosion, pounding N.C. State 23-8 on the first day of the ACC/Disney Baseball Blast at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla.

Head Coach Rod Delmonico was concerned about his pitching staff and was hoping that the offense could carry the squad until the pitching staff had developed. He did not need to wait long to have the questions answered.

The Vols erupted for a school-record tying 14 runs in the eighth inning, in what was a 7-6 affair to that point. In that inning the Vols knocked three round trippers, two by Sonny Cortez and one by Eduardo Figueroa. cortez accounted for seven RBIs in the inning as hit a grand slam and then a three-run shot later that inning.

Justin Ross, who started on the mound, lead off the game with a home run, but only lasted four innings on the mound as he gave up four runs.

Returning starting pitcher, Luke Hudson, picked up the win for Tennessee. The game also featured four true freshman making their first Vol appearances as Justin Parker, Jeff Christensen, Matt Garrett, and Eric Henderson saw action.

The second day saw the Vols pitching staff get hammered for 22 runs, as the Vols fell to the Duke Blue Devils 22-12. The Vols did manage 20 hits, but there were not enough extra base hits to do much damage.

Newcomer Charlie hunter suffered the loss in giving up eight runs on eight hits in 4.1 innings on the mound. Leading the way for the Vols at the plate was senior Travis Copley, who went 3-5 with a home run, two doubles and three RBIs.

It seemed each time Tennessee would close the gap, the Blue Devils would counter with more runs of their own. The Vols ran through five pitchers, while freshman Amos Burdine and Parker made their Vol debuts on the mound.

After watching the Vol pitching staff give up 30 runs in two games, head coach Rod Delmonico turned Sunday's finale over to junior college transfer Kurt Scott. With a pitching staff already slim due to injury and already worn after two days in the tournament, Scott was needed to calm the storm against Florida State.

After a rough first inning in which three Florida Seminoles scored, all unearned runs on no hits, Scott settled down and kept the Vols alive with 6.1 innings of no hit ball. When Scott left after the seventh inning, his final tally sheet read three unearned runs, 10 strikeouts, three walks, four hit batsman, and two hits. That's all Florida State got, and the Vols then turned the game over to Clark Odom who closed the door on the Seminoles, winning the game and securing second place in the ACC/Disney Baseball Blast, 5-3.

It did not hurt that the Tennessee batters were entering the third day of the tournament hitting a whopping .431. The question was how long would it take for Tennessee to use the power that they had shown in the previous two games. The Vols answered with one run in both the fourth and fifth innings, followed by two in the sixth and one in the seventh.

The Vols gained the lead for good in the top of the sixth as FSU committed two errors to allow two Vols to cross the plate. With the score now 4-3, in favor of The Big Orange, the man with the hot bat rose to the occasion, as Cortez hit his second home run, fourth of the weekend, of the game, a solo shot, to give the Vols their final margin of victory.

The Vols will play against the College of Charleston on Feb. 12 and then take part in the Franklin Life Classic in Charleston, S.C.

—Donnell Field

Senior Sonny Cortez (above), along with Justin Ross and Kurt Scott were named to the All-Tournament Team.

NEW LADY VOL TRAINING ROOM IS COMPLETED

The day that Lady Vol head athletic trainer Jenny Moshak and her staff have long waited for finally came on January 24. Since at least May 15, when the training room equipment was first moved into a temporary locale in the men's track and field locker room and the women's weight room, the Lady Vols have patiently sat by and watched the progress of a facility which would modernize its athletic training needs.

Replacing the antiquated one-room training facility was a top priority for the Lady Vols this year. Associate Athletic Director Donna Thomas who oversaw the construction of the new area in Stokely Athletics Center cited two reasons that the Lady Vols needed to expand their previous facility.

First, because of the increase in student-athletes, the previous space was inadequate to accommodate everyone's needs and had outgrown its usage. Second, treatment is different now than it was in the 1950's when the building was built. Thomas continued by crediting the men's athletics department in the joint-effort to make the update possible.

Lady Vol head trainer Jenny Moshak and her staff are exited about their new training facility.

The old facility had satisfactorily served the needs of the women's athletic department since the fall of 1989. However, a change was needed when the Lady Vols added three sports, beginning in the 1994-95 year, and watched the number of athletes swell to 250.

The new 5,000-square foot facility would expand the Lady Vols' operating space 3,500 feet. Covering nearly the entire Southeast corner of Stokely Athletics Center, the new training room encompassed the room previously used by Moshak's staff and added many amenities which will keep the Lady Vols more in step with their contemporaries.

At a cost of $350,000, which included solely the construction and not furnishings, the new area adds necessary office space, specifically one each for Moshak, Associate Athletic Trainer Chris Hofmann and the team physician, along with a private exam room. In addition, there are two more offices for use by graduate and student assistants, as well as a business office.

Also among the additions are a custom-built taping station, a "wet room" with two Twirl-Jet spas, drug-testing room, storage area, and a "cooler room" which can be accessed by a separate door. The area is also divided up into two sections for treatment and rehabilitation, so that each athlete can receive individual attention according to her needs.

Among the most interesting features of the new facility are the two spas. Used for specific treatment needs, one is set up to service athletes with just hot water and the other with cold water. With dimensions of 10' x 7' and three-feet deep, and 14' x 8' and five-feet deep, the spas avoid the need for some athletes to gain the benefits of water-related training or rehab without the having to use a swimming pool.

Another unique bonus with the new facility is the ability the athletic training staff now has to link to the Student Health Center via a computer network system. With this new opportunity, the athletic trainers who are on the road with a team can now access necessary information about an athlete's doctor's records, medical history and rehabilitation information, so if an injury occurs the athlete can be more quickly and accurately treated.

—Brad Laux

Our Condolences

It is with sadness that we deliver this message to you. In January, Tennessee lost some fine people that had been associated with the athletic department.

Guy Stephenson, oldest living lettermen, passed away on Jan. 28, 1998. He was 96 years old. A 1922 graduate, who played football for the Vols, he was living in Goshen, N.Y. when he passed away.

Former Vol DeWitt Weaver, who played under Gen. Neyland from 1934-36, where he was also the captain in 1936, passed away in January. He had been the head coach at Texas Tech from 1956-57. Weaver was living in Arlington, Tex., at the time of his death. Weaver's son, DeWitt Jr., is on the PGA Senior Tour, called to let us know about the passing of his father.

Col. Bill Britton's wife passed away this past month. Col. Britton was General Neyland's right-hand man from 1926-34, 1936-42, and 1946. He was named the interim head coach for the 1935 season.

Spring Weekend

In an event that seems to get bigger and bigger every year, the 1998 Lettermen's Spring Weekend is quickly approaching. The date for this year's event has been set for the weekend of April 17-19.

On Friday, April 17, the annual Lettermen's Golf Tournament will take place at Green Meadow Country Club in Maryville. They are hoping to get 100 golfers signed up before the tournament begins. Below is a form for those that are interested in participating in the event. It is a great time to gather together and socialize, and reunite with friends that you might only see once a year.

This year they are asking those who are interested in the golfing event to send a deposit, so that they may get an accurate count for food and golf carts needed. This will help them from renting extra carts that are not needed and to make sure there is enough food for everyone.

As with each year, members of the athletic department staff will take part in the tournament, as well as local media. Also, there will be great prizes to be given out for those attending the affair.

On Saturday, sports minded individuals will have many opportunities to watch the Vols and Lady Vols in action as that afternoon will be action packed. The Tennessee baseball team will be in action against SEC foe Arkansas at Lindsey Nelson Stadium. A cookout is planned prior to the ball game with the Razorbacks. The Lady Vol softball team will be in action at the Toyota Lady Vol Softball Classic at Tennessee Field at Tyson Park (just a short distance from the main part of campus), as five teams will battle it out for the team title. Both the baseball team and softball team will start action on Friday evening, check with the men's and women's departments respectively for times.

Also on Saturday, the University of Tennessee host the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Banquet at the Foundry on the World's Fair Park. Interested parties should contact Col. Gene Moeller at (423) 974-1219 for information.

Saturday wraps up with the annual Orange & White game, which will be played at 7 p.m. At halftime of the game, former Vol Peyton Manning will be honored.

On Sunday, the Diamond Vols will wrap up their three-game series with Arkansas, while the Lady Vols will host the finals of the Toyota Lady Vol Classic.

Memberships

If you are a Tennessee Lettermen, and have not renewed your Lettermen membership, let me urge you to call Judy Constantine today. Because, by missing a day in the Lettermen's Club means you are missing a lot. Judy can be reached at (423) 974-9054.

Updates

If you have information about a Tennessee Lettermen, please drop us a line and let us know what you have. We are always interested in what our former Vols and Lady Vols are doing.

—Donnell Field

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VASF News and Notes

All Point Total Appeal Responses Have Been Mailed

The VASF staff has mailed all point appeal response letters and updated point standings sheets. The VASF apologizes for the delays and appreciates all donors' patience. If you have not received your response by Feb. 14, 1998, call the VASF office at (423) 974-1218.

VASF Donor Deadline is March 1

The deadline for contributions for priority on football benefits, including home season tickets, is March 1, 1998. The contributions must be received in the VASF Office by March 1. As Coach Dickey said in the first word, VASF contributions and donor support provide the "competitive edge" to Tennessee athletics. You can help the VASF reach its goal for the 1998 campaign. You may charge your donation by phone if you like with VISA, MasterCard, or Discover Cards by dialing the VASF office at (423) 974-1218.

VASF to Announce Anticipated Donor Minimums for 1998 Football Benefits

In response to numerous donor requests for information before the donor deadline of March 1, 1998, the VASF Office is mailing out updated points standings and the anticipated point minimums for 1998 football away game and home parking benefits. While these minimums are tentative and may change between now and the time the actual applications for tickets are mailed in April, these approximations should help shed some light on the sometimes-confusing process before the March 1 donor deadline passes. The mailer will include an orange sheet detailing the estimates of minimum donor levels and point totals for these donor benefits. It will also include a question-and-answer and examples sheet, as well as a letter stating your current point total, rank, and donor level. Watch your mail for this updated information from the VASF office. If you have not received your personalized letter and donor minimums sheet by Feb. 20, 1998, call the VASF Office at (423) 974-1218.

Hey VOL fans - Imagine sunny days, warm weather and the smell of fresh hot dogs. Sounds good, doesn't it? With only weeks to go before opening the 1998 baseball season, season tickets are on sale now and good seats are still available.

This year we have added special packages just for you - the FANS. Tennessee begins its home game season with a three game series against Morehead State on Feb. 27 - Mar. 1. Get your tickets to a great spring full of action and excitement as the Vols return to Lindsey Nelson Stadium to defend their 1997 SEC East Championship.

For more information call the ticket office at (423) 656-1200 to charge by phone with a Visa, Master Card, or Discover Card.

The VASF Staff is Coming to Your Area

The Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund Drive is well underway and the VASF staff is hitting the road once again to visit major cities in Tennessee and across the South. These Fund Drive wrap-up meetings are also great opportunities to meet other Tennessee fans, as well as the chance to ask questions to the VASF staff representatives. On Feb. 24, they will be in Chattanooga at 6 p.m. at the Logan's Roadhouse. On Feb. 25, VASF staff will be back in Knoxville for the meeting at 6 p.m. in the Lettermen's Room prior to the men's final home basketball game against Florida. February 26 places the staff in Nashville at the West End Cooker. For more information, contact the VASF office at (423) 974-1218.

Gift Acknowledgements and Tax Summaries

Please keep your acknowledgement letter that the VASF sends after each gift is made. The VASF only sends tax acknowledgement letters as the gifts are received. There will NOT be an end-of-the-year letter stating all tax-year contributions. Contact the Athletic Development office at (423) 974-1218 for more information.

Baseball Home Opener

The ticket booth at Lindsey Nelson Stadium will open two hours before the first pitch for each home game this season. Cash only at the ticket booth please. You may also charge your tickets in advance and have them waiting on you at Will Call if you like. Call the Ticket Office at (423) 656-1200 for more details. Game-by-game ticket prices are $5 for reserved seats, general admission seats are $3 for adults and $1 for students 17 and under. The first home game is only a few weeks away and is set for Friday, Feb. 27, 1998. It is the beginning of the weekend series against Morehead State. Game time is set for 3 p.m. The Friday game will be Papa John's Schedule Magnet Day. Saturday's game brings Cellular One's Schedule Poster Day.

Baseball Birthday Parties

This year kids of all ages will have the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in style with Tennessee baseball. Each complete birthday party includes tickets and beverages for 12. Also included are three large pizzas, an autographed baseball for that special someone, a visit by a Tennessee player or coach, public address and message board recognition during the game. Each complete birthday party is $80. For more information about this exciting new program, contact the Athletic Development Office at (423) 974-1218.

Catch the Basketball Vols

The home slate is winding down for first-year head coach Jerry Green and his battle-proven charges. Do not miss your opportunity to witness Tennessee Basketball and see what all the hoopla is about. Four games remain on the home schedule, all of them key conference games, all of them destined to be exciting basketball games. Three of them are even on Saturdays. The Basketball Vols will line up against South Carolina on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m.; they will then face SEC West powerhouse Arkansas on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 12:30 p.m.; next comes Vanderbilt (first 1,000 fans receive a free beverage koozie) on Saturday, Feb. 21 ,at 7:30 p.m.; Florida closes out the home slate for the Vols on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Game-day tickets are available at the Ticket Office in the Arena. Gates open one-hour prior to tip-off and the Ticket Office opens 90 minutes before the game. You may also charge in advance by phone if you like by dialing (423) 656-1200.

— Steve Sams

The Tennessee tennis team used youth and power to win the 10th Annual O'Charley's Classic at the Tennessee Tennis Center on the university campus.

The Vols claimed an opening day win over Michigan State 4-3. They began the match with a 3-0 victory in doubles action as the Vols' Mark Way and Chad Copenhaver defeated the doubles tandem of Ken Kigongo and Chris Struck 8-4. In the No.2 position, the Vols' Paul Podbury and Roger Ilias defeated Ivica Primorac and Francisco Trinidad 8-5. And, Mark Fitzpatrick and Mark Parsons completed the sweep with an 8-4 win over Benjami Hetzler and Trey Eubanks.

In singles action the Vols claimed their first win of the season as Parsons won in the No. 5 position in a 6-4, 6-1 triumph over Kigongo. Leading up to that match, the Tennessee squad saw singles players Podbury and Copenhaver set up the final point. Podbury, a freshman from Australia won at No. 2 singles 7-6(5), 6-4 over Struck, while Copenhaver, player at No. 4, won 7-6(4), 6-4 over Trinidad.

The Vols needed those victories as Tennessee's Way lost in three sets to the Spartans' Eubanks 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in No. 1 singles. Fitzpatrick, at No. 3, also found tough going as he lost to Michigan State's Primorac 7-5, 6-1.

At No. 6, Ilias dropped his match to Hetzler 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, giving the Vols a 4-3 win over the Spartans.

On day two of the tournament, the Vols took on William & Mary, who had defeated Indian the previous day.

The Vols lost only one match on the day as they dropped William & Mary 6-1. With the win the Vols were guaranteed at least a share of the O'Charley's Classic title.

For the second straight day, Tennessee swept all three of the doubles matches, winning No. 1 8-4, No. 2 8-6 and No. 3 8-4.

In singles action, the Vols won five out of six matches to claim their second victory of the season. Way finished off Christian Jordan of William & Mary 6-4, 6-4, while Podbury lost at No. 2 to Trevor Spracklin 6-4, 6-3.

On courts three and four, the Vols saw Fitzpatrick win the No. 3 singles match over Mehdy Karbid 6-3, 6-3, and Chad Copenhaver at No. 4 won over Alexander Souters 6-2, 6-4.

Closing out the day, Parson, a Canadian native, defeated Patrick Brown 6-3, 6-3. And in his first appearance of the tournament, Juan Gamboa, of Bogota, Columbia, defeated Anshuman Johra 7-5, 6-3.

The Vols made it a clean sweep of the 10th Annual tournament as they defeated Indian 5-2 on the final day of competition. This was the first title for the Vols in the tournament since their 1995 title.

One of the most interesting facts of the weekend was that Tennessee never lost a doubles match the entire weekend, winning nine straight doubles matches.

Against Indiana, the Vols Copenhaver and Way defeated Derek Pope and Gabriel Montilla 8-6, while Podbury and Gamboa won over Scott Lippitt and Andrew Held 8-4. And at No. 3 doubles, Fitzpatrick and Parsons defeated Ian Arons and Brendon Storey 8-3.

In singles action, the Vols claimed the first four singles matches to claim the victory and the team title.

Way, another Australian native, won for the second day in a row at No. 1 with a 6-4, 7-6(4) win over Pope. Podbury defeated Lippitt 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2 singles, while at No. 3, Fitzpatrick won over Montilla 7-6(3), 6-1. And at No. 4, Parsons defeated Held 6-1, 6-4, giving the Vols an insurmountable lead of 5-0, with only the No. 5 and No. 6 position remaining.

At those positions, Gamboa lost to Arons of Indiana 6-2, 6-1, and Kaspar Rasmussen, of Klampenborg, Denmark, lost to Paul Jacobson 6-3, 6-4.

The win was a great boost to the Vol program, that went 5-17 last season, which lost to Georgia the previous 6-1.

Tennessee hosted the SEC Indoor Championships at the UT Tennis Center.

There, the Vols' Parsons advanced to the flight "B" finals, where he lost to Florida's Nathan Overholser. Way and Ilias lost in the quarterfinal round as Way lost to Kentucky's Cedric Kauffman 6-2, 6-4. Kauffman is currently the nations No. 3 ranked singles player. As for Ilias, he lost to Florida's Overholser 6-2, 6-7(6), 6-3.

The Vols played host to Murray State on Feb. 7, defeating them 7-0, as the Vols did not lose a set in dominating Murray State. On Feb. 8, the Vols defeated Furman 6-1 at the tennis complex, as the Vols matched last seasons total in victories with five as the Vols. The Vols are now 5-1 on the season.

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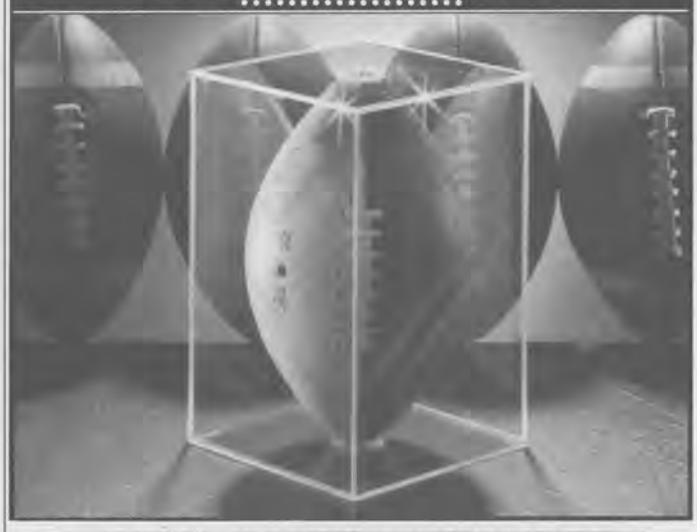

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From the Sidelines...

A Look at the Class of 2002!

The 1998 football signing day had come and the Vols boast another great recruiting class. Here is a look at the future Class of 2002!

Roger Alexander - *Back, 6-3, 205 - Paterson, N.J. (Nassau CC)*

Enrolled at UT in the spring of 1998 after graduating from Nassau Community College in Garden City, N.Y. in Dec. 1997..Two-time junior college All-America at linebacker, and became the first at Nassau to make All-America as a freshman in 1995...As a sophomore in 1996 he was named Defensive Player of the Year after registering 146 tackles and recording 21 sacks...Nassau CC Coach: George Powers...**HIGH SCHOOL:** As a senior at Eastside High School in 1994, he made *USA Today*, *Street & Smith's, SuperPrep, Blue Chip Illustrated* All-America...Two-time All-State, All-League and All-Passaic County selection...Made 62 tackles (32 solo), 15 sacks, four forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, 12 hurries and four blocked kicks (two punts, two field goals)...As a tailback he rushed for 851 yards and nine touchdowns...As a junior, he rushed for 1147 yards and 16 scores...Played basketball where he averaged 21 points per game...Also competed in track, high jump (6-4), long jump (22-0) and 200-meters (21.0)...Eastside HS Coach: Donald Davis...Full name: Roger Alexander...Born: Nov. 11, 1975.

Kurston Biggers - *Back, 5-8, 185 - Nashville (Brentwood Academy)*

Enrolled at UT in the spring of 1998...A two-time all-metro, all-region and all-state selection...Graduated from Brentwood Academy in spring 1997 after playing on back-to-back state champion football teams...Named all-state after rushing for 1,486 yards and 19 touchdowns...Is Brentwood Academy's all-time leading rusher and scorer...Named the Clinic Bowl 5A Defensive Most Valuable Player in 1996...Ran for 1,392 yards and 22 touchdowns in 1995...Excels as a return specialist and receiver...Averaged more than 130 yards, eight tackles and one interception in three playoff games in 1996...Had 1,174 yards rushing as a sophomore and 287 as a freshman...Caught 39 passes for 486 yards in career...As a free safety, intercepted 13 passes, including six during senior season...Also participated in baseball where he hit .387 for state championship team and ran track for the three-time state champions, running the 100, 200 and 400-meter relay...Attended Columbia State Community College before enrolling at UT...Brentwood Academy Coach: Carlton Flatt...Full name: Kurston Jerod Biggers...Born: Dec. 1, 1978.

Travis Colston - *Back, 6-3, 220 - Marshville, N.C. (Forest Hills)*

Selected as the Defensive Player of the Year in the Rocky River Conference where he had 93 tackles (55 solo), two sacks, a fumble recovery, a blocked punt and tallied a safety...Selected to play in the Shine Bowl All-Star game between North Carolina and South Carolina...Named to the All-Piedmont team...Biggest game came against Pageland where he registered 18 tackles...A three year starter at middle linebacker...Team finished 9-4, reaching the second round of the playoffs...Also competes in the 300-meter hurdles in track...Forest Hills HS Coach: John Lowery...Full name: Travis Eugene Colston...Born: June 28, 1979.

Teddy Gaines - *Back, 6-0, 160 - Kingsport (Dobyns-Bennett)*

Ranked as the No. 4 player in the state in *Chattanooga Free Press* Top 25, and No. 6 by the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*...*SuperPrep* ranks him the Southeast's 68th-best prospect...Tom Lemming rated him No. 110...Started for three years, playing defensive back where he made Class 5A All-State, as well as playing receiver...A two-time All-Big East Conference selection...Picked off five passes in three years, one as senior...Blocked three field goals and one punt as a senior...Helped lead senior squad to 11-2 record, losing the state playoff semifinals...As a receiver, he caught 42 passes for 888 yards and 12 touchdowns during senior season, with the yardage and touchdowns being school records...As a junior, he caught 32 passes for 588 yards, blocked four punts and two field goals...State 400-meter champion as junior and 100- (10.5), 200- (21.6) and 400-meter (47.6) region champion... Dobyns-Bennett HS Coach: Graham Clark...Full name: Wilford Teddy Gaines...Born: Sept. 12, 1979.

HEAD COACH PHILLIP FULMER'S COMMENTS ON 1998 RECRUITING CLASS

"I THINK IS A VERY GOOD CLASS. WE FILLED SOME VERY IMPORTANT SHORT-TERM AND LONG TERM-NEEDS FOR OUR FOOTBALL TEAM. WITH EVERYBODY ACROSS THE COUNTRY FACING THE 85-SCHOLARSHIP LIMIT, IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO RECRUIT TO YOUR NEEDS AND I THINK WE DID THAT. THERE'S A GOOD MIX OF SIZE AND SPEED IN THIS CLASS. WE BELIEVED THAT WE HAD LOST A STEP OR TWO IN THE SPEED CATEGORY AND WE ADDRESSED THAT WITH LEONARD SCOTT, TEDDY GAINES, WILLIE MILES AND SHAWN SEABROOKS. GETTING IMMEDIATE HELP IN THE SECONDARY WAS ONE OF OUR MOST PRESSING GOALS. I THINK WE ACCOMPLISHED THAT WITH GAINES, TAD GOLDEN, STEVEN MARSH AND SEABROOKS. THEY WILL ALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE EARLY IN THEIR CAREERS IN THE SECONDARY.

"PROBABLY OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE WAS TO FILL THE NEEDS AT LINEBACKER. ROGER ALEXANDER, WHO IS ALREADY ON CAMPUS AND IN THE OFF-SEASON PROGRAM, IS A BIG PLUS. WE CAN ALREADY SEE HE CAN REALLY RUN. WHAT WE SAW ON FILM IS WHAT WE GOT. GUYS LIKE TRAVIS COLSTON, BERNARD JACKSON, KEYON WHITESIDE AND TONY STYLES WILL HELP US FILL OUR NEEDS AT LINEBACKER. STYLES STILL HAS SOME ACADEMIC QUESTIONS TO ANSWER.

"THE RUNNING BACK AND LINEBACKER POSITIONS WILL ALSO PAY DIVIDENDS FOR US ON SPECIAL TEAMS. REPLACING LEONARD LITTLE AND JONATHAN BROWN IS CERTAINLY A CONCERN AS WE GO INTO THIS SEASON, PARTICULARLY WITH THEIR PASS RUSHING ABILITY. YOU CAN'T AUTOMATICALLY REPLACE THEIR EXPERIENCE, BUT YOU CAN LOOK AT SOME GUYS WHO CAN EVENTUALLY BE GOOD PASS RUSHERS. JUDD GRANZOW IS AN EXCITING GUY BECAUSE OF HIS MATURITY. HE'S 21 AND PLAYED PROFESSIONAL ATHLETICS. HE'S MORE MATURE THAN YOUR AVERAGE FRESHMAN. WILL OVERSTREET IS A HECK OF A SIGNEE FOR US AND WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT HIS POSSIBILITIES.

"WE BELIEVED WE NEEDED MORE ATHLETIC ABILITY AT TIGHT END. WE ADDRESSED THAT WITH WITH EDWARD KENDRICK AND JOE REID. THERE ARE SOME ATHLETES LIKE LEONARD SCOTT AND KURSTON BIGGERS WHO COULD PLAY A NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR US. WE WENT INTO RECRUITING REALLY WANTING TO SIGN TWO QUARTERBACKS. WE FOUND THAT DIFFICULT. TEE MARTIN HAS AN OUTSTANDING REPUTATION THAT STILL FOLLOWS HIM. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET ENOUGH GUYS INTERESTED EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE SUCH A GREAT TRACK RECORD AT QUARTERBACK. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT JOEY MATHEWS FROM SEVIER COUNTY. IT'S A HUGE PLUS FOR HIM AND FOR US THAT HE'LL BE IN SPRING PRACTICE. HE'S A VERY ACCURATE, VERY INTELLIGENT QUARTERBACK.

"IT'S IMPORTANT TO SEE THEIR MATURITY LEVEL AND HOW THEY ADJUST TO COLLEGE LIFE. IT'S ALWAYS EASIER TO EVALUATE THEM THREE OR FOUR YEARS DOWN THE ROAD, LIKE WE DID WITH THIS YEAR'S SENIOR CLASS."

Tad Golden - *Back, 6-1, 185 - Lithonia, Ga. (SW DeKalb)*

SuperPrep, National Recruiting Advisor All-America...Rated as the No. 6 free safety by the *National Recruiting Advisor*...*PrepStar* rates him No. 10 among Southeast defensive backs...*USA Today* Honorable Mention All-America...*Atlanta Journal Constitution* Super Southern 100 and Georgia Top 50...A two year starter who compiled 151 tackles, three sacks, four interceptions, 42 pass breakups, two caused fumbles and one fumble recovery...Registered 71 tackles, two interceptions and 17 passes broken up as a senior...Posted top game against Roswell High School, tallying seven tackles, one interception, three pass breakups and held the state's top wide receiver to zero catches...Intercepted two passes as a junior and broke up 20 passes...Sophomore team won 7-4A state title with 14-1 record...Junior and senior squads each reached the playoffs...A track standout who participates in the long (21-9) and triple jumps (44-8) as well as runs the 400-meters (48.6)...Also played basketball during freshman and sophomore years, averaging 16 points and five rebounds as a sophomore...SW DeKalb HS Coach: Buck Godfrey...Full name: Tad Roosevelt Golden...Born: Jan. 6, 1980.

Judd Granzow - *Back, 6-4, 235 - Granada Hills, Calif. (Moorpark CC)*

SuperPrep Junior College All-America...Considered the fourth-best defensive lineman by the *National Recruiting Advisor*...All-Western Conference First-Team choice...Played one season at Moorpark Community College at outside linebacker and rush end where he recorded nine sacks, 15 quarterback hurries, 15 broken up passes, three forced fumbles and 90 tackles...Moorpark compiled a 6-4 record...Was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers as an outfielder in the fourth round of the 1995 draft, playing 1 1/2 seasons of minor league baseball in Washington and Arizona before being sidelined with a shoulder injury and giving up baseball...Attended Faith Baptist High School where he played eight-man football...As quarterback he ran for 1100 yards and passed for 2300 yards with 53 touchdowns his junior year and followed up with 2300 yards passing, 900 rushing and 40 touchdowns...A four-year starter at quarterback...During his senior season, team compiled a 10-2 record...Two-time Player of the Year in California Interscholastic Federation...Named All-CIF First-Team three times...Faith Baptist HS Coach: Greg Weiss...Moorpark CC Coach: Jim Bittner...Full name: Judd Nolan Granzow...Born: Aug. 8, 1976.

Omari Hand - *Line, 6-5, 215 - Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)*

PrepStar, National Recruiting Advisor All-America...*Blue Chip Illustrated* all-region...*PrepStar* listed him as the No. 8 linebacker in the Southeast region...A Class 6A third-team All-State selection, along with being named All-District and All-Big Bend...Listed as the No. 5 linebacker in state by the *Florida Times Union*...Played tight end and defensive end...Made 92 tackles, two interceptions, 14 tackles for loss, 12.5 sacks, 48 quarterback pressures and broke up 12 passes during senior season...As a junior he made 110 tackles, 7.5 sacks, 24 tackles for loss and broke up 17 passes...Career leader at Lincoln with 22 pass breakups...Named Quarterback Club Player of the Week for performance against Godby High School, with six solo hits, four assists, 3.5 sacks two broken-up passes and five tackles for loss...Plays basketball, averaging 13 points and eight boards, and high jumps in track, with a best of 6-4...Lincoln HS Coach: David Wilson...Full name: Omari Sean Hand...Born: July 3, 1980.

John Henderson - *Line, 6-7, 280 - Nashville (Pearl-Cohn)*

Parade, USA Today, Blue Chip Illustrated, National Recruiting Advisor, SuperPrep, PrepStar All-America...Rated No. 6 by the *National Recruiting Advisor* and No. 7 in *The Sporting News* Top 100...Listed as the No. 1 prospect in Tennessee and one of the top five defensive ends in the nation...Also listed among the country's top basketball prospects...Listed as No. 1 player in state by *Knoxville News-Sentinel* and *Chattanooga Times*...First-team All-State as picked by the Associated Press and state sportswriters...All-Metro, All-District and All-Region choice...Named Gatorade state Player of the Year for Tennessee...Named 1996 Clinic Bowl 4A Defensive MVP...*PrepStar* rates him as the No. 2 defensive lineman in the Southeast...As a senior, he was in on 150 tackles (100 solo) with 32 sacks...At tight end, he caught 45 passes for 560 yards and 11 touchdowns...The all-state selection made 145 tackles as a junior, 90 of which were solo hits...Had 15 sacks and 11 tackles for loss...As a tight end, recorded 37 receptions for 470 yards and nine touchdowns...Pearl-Cohn won back-to-back state championships his final two seasons, finishing with an 11-4 mark his junior year and 14-1 his senior year...He was a regular for four years on both offense and defense...Freshman and sophomore teams also reached the playoffs, but bowed in the first round...All-State in basketball, averaged 18 rebounds and 13 points per game as team reached state semifinals as a junior...Injured during much of his senior basketball season...Played on Tennessee Travelers AAU basketball team in 1997...Pearl-Cohn HS Coach: Maurice Fitzgerald...Full name: John Nathan Henderson...Born: Jan. 9, 1979.

Tim Hodges - *Line, 6-8, 295 - Winnie, Texas (East Chambers)*

PrepStar All-America...The *National Recruiting Advisor* rated him the No. 7 tackle in the Big 12 Region...Ranked No. 9 among Texas offensive linemen according to College Football Experts' John Coppola...*Blue Chip Illustrated* all-region...Listed on *PrepStar's* Big 12 Super 30 and the No. 5 offensive lineman in the region...A two-time all-district defensive lineman...The three-year starter on both sides of the ball...The All-State selection by the Associated Press and Texas Sportswriters Association recorded 70 pancake blocks for 9-2 team as a senior...He had 16 pancake blocks against West Sabine...Also netted three yards on one carry against Deweyville...On defense he had 40 tackles, six for loss, two sacks, three caused fumbles with three fumble recoveries...Led team to 11-1 record as a junior and keyed a defense that allowed 3.5 points per game...Played basketball for two years where he averaged 13 points, 11.3 rebounds as a junior...Led district in rebounds and blocks for two years...Also participated in track where he put the shot 50 feet and threw the discus 145 feet as a junior...East Chambers HS Coach: Andy Evans...Full name: Timothy Andrew Hodges...Born: Dec. 12, 1979.

Bernard Jackson - *Back, 6-4, 245 - Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)*

Parade, Blue Chip Illustrated, National Recruiting Advisor, PrepStar All-America...Rated the nation's No. 2 strong side linebacker and No. 21 prospect overall by the *National Recruiting Advisor*...Rated No. 13 in the south by *SuperPrep*...Listed on *PrepStar's* Southeast Super 30 and the No. 3 linebacker in the region...*PrepStar* preseason All-America...A three-year starter and a two-time 4A All-State selection, along with all-region and all-district...Helped lead team to two state championships in three years with records of 14-1, 10-2 and 12-3...As a senior he set school record with 119 tackles and seven sacks...Made 15 tackles in teams 3-0 victory in state championship game against Trinity...As a junior, made 120 tackles, seven sacks, 19 tackles for loss, caused seven fumbles and tipped five passes that resulted in interceptions...Plays center in basketball and average 11 points and eight rebounds as a junior...Won two state titles in the discus (168-0) and added the shot put (54-5) title as a junior...St. Xavier HS Coach: Mike Glaser...Full name: Evington Bernard Jackson II...Born: May 10, 1980.

Edward Kendrick - *Line, 6-4, 240 - Macon, Ga. (Mt. DeSales Academy)*

Rated as the No. 2 tight end in the Southeast by *PrepStar*...Started at tight end four years and defensive end for three years...Named All-Middle Georgia Player of the Year, 3A All-State and All-Region...Played on state championship team as junior on team that went 13-1...Senior team finished 12-1 reaching the semifinals...As a senior, played tight end catching 11 passes for 287 yards and five touchdowns...At defensive end, he had 87 tackles, six sacks and two interceptions, returning one 54 yards for a touchdown....Had two fumble recoveries, returning one 52 yards for a score...Made 10 tackles and a sack in the regional championship game...As a junior he made Third-Team All-Middle Georgia while recording 17 receptions for 318 yards and seven touchdowns...Also registered 86 tackles, seven sacks, eight tackles for loss and one interception...Plays forward on the basketball team, currently averaging 15.1 points and 10 rebounds per game...Named All-State and All-City following junior season...Played right field in baseball, batting .347 with five home runs as a junior...Mt. DeSales Academy Coach: Robert Slocum...Full name: Edward Kendrick III...Born: June 3, 1980.

Jermaine Kent - *Back, 6-2, 170 - Huntsville, Ala. (Johnson)*

Enrolled at UT in the spring of 1998...The younger brother of UT's all-time leading receiver Joey Kent...Earned scholar-athlete award, named second-team all-city and honorable mention all-metro...Named to the *Huntsville Times* Elite Football Team...Caught 20 passes for 305 yards with one touchdown as a senior on team that went 10-2...Recorded 42 catches for 761 yards in career...Johnson HS Coach: Harold Wells...Full name: Jermaine Gerrod Kent...Born: Mar. 28, 1979.

Steven Marsh - *Back, 6-1, 175 - Wingate, N.C. (Forest Hills)*

Listed among top players in North Carolina by *SuperPrep* and Tom Lemming...Made All-Piedmont Team and played in the Shrine Bowl All-Star game between North Carolina and South Carolina...Player of the Year in the Rocky River Conference where he rushed for 1431 yards as a senior and had 43 tackles and two interceptions at cornerback...Rushed for a school record 319 yards against Mt. Pleasant...Had over 4,300 career rushing yards in three seasons...Began prep career at running back where he rushed for over 1000 yards, then continued at quarterback as a junior where he threw for 500 yards and rushed for 1,400 on a 10-1 team that reached the state semifinals...Also plays centerfield and pitched on the state championship team as a junior...Forest Hills HS Coach: John Lowery...Full name: Steven DeCarlos Marsh...Born: Oct. 3, 1979.

Joey Mathews - *Quarterback, 6-2, 205 - Sevierville (Sevier County)*

Enrolled at UT in the spring of 1998...*National Recruiting Advisor* All-America...*Blue Chip Illustrated* all-region...*PrepStar* ranked him No. 4 in the Southeast region...Listed as preseason All-America by *PrepStar, SuperPrep,* Tom Lemming and *National Recruiting Advisor*...*Knoxville News-Sentinel* ranked him No. 4 in the state, and *Chattanooga Times* rated him No. 6...Team MVP, all-conference, all-state and won the quarterback challenge at the Reebok Combine in Atlanta...*SuperPrep* ranked him the No. 13 quarterback, while *National Recruiting Advisor* rated him No. 14...As a senior, the Class 5A State Player of the Year passed for 2,613 yards and 26 touchdowns while completing 61 percent of his passes...Team finished 11-3...For his career, he completed 330 of 610 passes for 4,995 yards and 40 touchdowns. He also had nine rushing touchdowns...Named Associated Press and Region I-5A 1997 Offensive Player of the Year...Two-time Region I-5A First Team Quarterback...Two-time All-county, All-Northeast Tennessee, All-Big East and All-County Back of the Year...As a junior, passed for 1,953 yards and 12 touchdowns with five interceptions...Holds every school single-game and season passing mark...Sevier County High School Coach: Steve Brewer...Full name: Joseph Michael Mathews...Born: Sept. 26, 1979.

Willie Miles - *Back, 6-0, 170 - Fort Worth, Texas (Dunbar)*

Blue Chip Illustrated, National Recruiting Advisor All-America...Consensus All-America following senior season...*The Sporting News* lists him No. 86 in the Top 100...A consensus All-America, he is rated the No.3 cornerback in the nation by the *National Recruiting Advisor*, and *SuperPrep* rates him the No. 9 defensive back...Rated No. 1 in Texas...Listed on *PrepStar's* Big 12 Super 30 and the No. 2 defensive back in the region...As a four-year starter, garnered First-Team 5A All-State, All-District, All-Area honors...Made 55 tackles with eight pass breakups...Also returned nine kickoffs for 607 yards and one score, while returning three punts for 91 yards...In one game, he blocked a punt, forced a safety and returned the free kick 85 yards for a touchdown...As a junior, earned First-Team All-District on both offense and defense, while being named to the Grid Iron Great Team...Made three interceptions, 25 tackles with 10 passes broken up...Rushed for 728 yards and 13 touchdowns...Named Second-Team All-District on both offense and defense as a sophomore, picking off five passes with 30 tackles and 12 pass breakups...Also rushed for 691 yards and 11 touchdowns...Named Newcomer of the Year as a Freshman after recording 29 solo tackles with two interceptions and 11 pass breakups as a starter at cornerback...Participated in the Reebok combine in Houston...Dunbar HS Coach: Bob Jones...Full name: Willie Lee Miles...Born: Dec. 29, 1979.

Rashad Moore - *Line, 6-4, 275 - Huntsville, Ala. (Johnson)*
National Recruiting Advisor All-America...Rated as the No. 15 defensive lineman in the Southeast by *PrepStar*...Named Player of the Year and earned All-Metro honors...All-Around and Defensive MVP in Huntsville...Made 65 tackles, 10.5 sacks as a senior...Also had three fumbles recoveries, returning one for a 17-yard touchdown...Played only two years, starting on offense at tight end and defensive tackle...His junior team compiled a 10-2 record, while his senior squad finished 8-4...Is a forward on the basketball team...Garnered All-City honors as a junior and currently averages 22 points and 12 rebounds as a senior...Johnson HS Coach: Harold Wells...Full name: Glenn Rashad Moore...Born: Mar. 16, 1979.

Will Ofenheusle - *Line, 6-8, 305 - Martin (Westview)*
National Recruiting Advisor All-America...Rated the No. 5 offensive tackle by the *National Recruiting Advisor*...The *Knoxville News-Sentinel* ranked him No. 9 in the state...Ranked No. 4 on the *Chattanooga Times* Super 11...*PrepStar* Preseason All-America and listed as the No. 12 offensive lineman in the Southeast...A two-time 2A All-State, All-West Tennessee, All-Region and All-County selection...Finalist for Mr. Football in Tennessee...Started three years at defensive tackle and two at offensive tackle...Didn't allow a sack in prep career...Averaged six pancakes blocks per game and excelled at both pass and run blocking...Graded out with 83 percent blocking efficiency...As a senior, made 40 tackles with two sacks as defensive tackle...Team reached playoffs for three straight years, compiling an 11-2 mark during senior season...Westview HS Coach: Don Coady...Full name: William Louis Ofenheusle...Born: May 18, 1980.

Will Overstreet - *Line, 6-4, 250 - Jackson, Miss. (Jackson Prep)*
SuperPrep, National Recruiting All-America...*Blue Chip Illustrated* all-region...Rated as the state's No. 1 prospect by the *Jackson Clarion-Ledger and the National Recruiting Advisor*...*PrepStar* rates him as the No. 11 defensive lineman in the Southeast...Listed as the No. 19 defensive line prospect by *SuperPrep* and No. 12 in Dixie, the No. 3 offensive guard by the *National Recruiting Advisor* and the nation's 66th-best prospect by the *NRA*...Wendy's Heisman State Finalist in Mississippi and was MVP of the Mississippi private school All-Star game...Had three two-sack games and recorded 16 tackles against Pillow Academy...Named First-Team All-State and captured Jackson-Area Player of the Year honors...Had 139 tackles, 14 sacks, seven caused fumbles, four fumble recoveries and six passes defended for team which compiled 10-2, 11-1 and 10-3 records...Graded out at 97 percent on the offensive line...Started two years at offensive guard and at offensive tackle his senior year...Started two years at defensive tackle and played defensive end, nose guard and middle linebacker his senior season...Holds school record in hang cling with a 365-pound lift...Registered 84 tackles and six sacks as a junior...A national merit semifinalist...Played basketball and puts the shot (49-0) in track...Jackson Prep Coach: Ricky Black...Full name: William Sparkman Overstreet...Born: Oct. 7, 1979.

Joe Reid - *Line, 6-5, 215 - Goodlettsville (Goodpasture)*
Enrolled at UT in the spring of 1998...Rated as the No. 11 prospect in the nation by the *Knoxville-News Sentinel* in 1996...Named *The Tennessean's* Class 2A Midstate Defensive Player of the Year in 1996 with 58 tackles, six sacks, 18 tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries and two blocked kicks...Earned all-state honors in 1996 to go along with all-region and all-midstate honors...Played tight end and defensive end...Junior team finished as 2A State Champions and senior squad finished state runner-up...Holds school single season and career sack records...Played in the 1997 Tennessee-Kentucky High School All-Star game...Goodpasture HS Coach: David Martin...Full name: Joe Douglas Reid...Born: Oct. 10, 1978.

Reggie Ridley - *Line, 6-4, 270 - Nashville (Pearl-Cohn)*
All-District, All-Region, All-Mid-State, he also made the Sportwriters First-team All-State as a defensive tackle...In his junior year, despite missing all but five games in the regular season and the championship game and playoffs, he registered 58 tackles...Came back in title game and accounted for eight tackles and a sack in helping bring the championship to Pearl-Cohn...As a senior he had 85 tackles, including 44 for losses and 22 sacks...Recovered three fumbles and picked off one pass...For the second consecutive year, Pearl-Cohn won the state championship, finishing with a 14-1 overall mark...In game against Mt. Juliet, he tallied 16 tackles and two sacks...Against Springfield, during his senior season, he had 11 tackles and three sacks...Played at Hunters Lane High School as a freshman and sat out his sophomore season as a transfer to Pearl Cohn...Also saw action as an offensive tackle...Played first base on the baseball team...Pearl-Cohn HS Coach: Maurice Fitzgerald...Full name: Reginald Lavar Ridley...Born: Apr. 24, 1980.

Leonard Scott - *Back, 5-11, 165 - Zachery, La. (Zachery)*
Blue Chip Illustrated all-region...A four-year starter who played running back and rushed for 867 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior, averaging five yards per carry...Named All-Conference and Zachery team MVP following senior season...Had best senior performance against Belair, netting over 100 yards rushing and returning both a kickoff and punt returns for touchdowns...Most impressive as a returner, scoring four touchdowns on kick returns and four on punt returns with his shortest being 61 yards...Averaged 36 yards on kick returns and 25 on punt returns, earning all-state honors...Rushed for 823 yards as a junior...Won Class 5A State Championship in the 100- and 200-meters...Won state indoor 55-meter title as a junior and finished in the top three in the 60 meters at the National Scholastic in Boston...Zachery HS Coach: Bill Burke...Full name: Leonard Ray Scott...Born: Jan. 19, 1980.

Shawn Seabrooks - *Back, 5-9, 185 - Paterson, N.J. (Eastside)*
SuperPrep All-America...*PrepStar* listed him No. 1 among Eastern defensive backs...Rated No. 12 cornerback by the *National Recruiting Advisor* and No. 5 in the East...Tom Lemming ranks him New Jersey's No. 13 prospect...*SuperPrep* lists him No. 8 eight in New Jersey and the No. 17 defensive back nationally...*Blue Chip Illustrated* all-region...Listed on *PrepStar's* Eastern Region Super 25...Garnered All-State, All-Area, All-County and All-League honors...A versatile offensive player seeing action at quarterback, tailback and wide receiver...As a defensive back his senior year, missed three games, but still managed 57 tackles, two interceptions, three caused fumbles, one recovery and 3.5 sacks...As a junior, he had seven interceptions, 59 tackles, and rushed from the tailback and quarterback positions for 607 yards and eight touchdowns...Played second base on baseball team, hitting .420 making the All-Area team as a junior...Averaged 10 points per game as a guard on the basketball team...Eastside HS Coach: Donald Davis...Full name: Shawn DeWayne Seabrooks...Born: Jan. 11, 1981.

Donte Stallworth - *Back, 6-2, 180 - Sacramento, Calif. (Grant)*
National Recruiting Advisor All-America...Blue Chip Illustrated all-region...Listed on PrepStar's Western Region Super 30...Ranked among Northern California leaders for touchdowns...Started two years at wide receiver and cornerback...As a senior, he was a preseason All-America, League Co-MVP, All-State defensive back and honorable mention USA Today All-America at defensive back...Voted the California Player of the Year by high school coaches...Helped lead senior team to the semifinals with 56 receptions for 1289 yards and 23 touchdowns...Averaged 31 yards on kick returns and 27 yards on punt returns...On defense, he had 77 tackles, four interceptions and six passes defended...As a junior, he was named All-League at wide receiver, Second-Team All-City at defensive back and All-State...Holds school record for most touchdowns in a season and career receiving yards...Posted top performance against El Camino High School when he recorded five catches for 168 yards...Had top defensive game against Del Campo High School with six tackles, three pass breakups and two interceptions...Once recorded 12 tackles in a game and had a long touchdown catch of 93 yards...School compiled a 24-3 two-year record, winning the sectional championship, advancing to the state semifinals his senior season...Also competes in track in the 100-meters, long jump and 4x100-meter relay...Grant HS Coach: Mike Alberghini...Full name: Donte Lamar Stallworth...Born: Nov. 10, 1980.

Tony Styles - *Back, 6-3, 205 - Cleveland (Cleveland)*
Listed among the top linebacker prospects in the Southeast by *PrepStar*...First-team All-State by the Tennessee Sportswriters Association...*Chattanooga Times* and Associated Press honorable mention All-State...*Chattanooga Times* All-Tri-State...Named to the *Chattanooga Free Press* Super Team...*Knoxville News-Sentinel* All-East Tennessee...At linebacker, made 268 tackles and 14 sacks during final two seasons...Started in the playoffs as a freshman linebacker and was a three-year regular for the remainder of his career...Also started at fullback for three seasons, entering the school record book with a 93-yard jaunt against Smyrna in his junior season...Cleveland won the state championship with a 14-0 record during his sophomore year and reached the finals with a 13-1 mark the following season...Team went 7-4 during his senior season and reached the second round of the state playoffs...As a member of the track team ran the 4x100 relay and 4x200 relay while participating in the long and triple jumps...Cleveland HS Coach: Leon Brown...Full name: Antonio Dionte Styles...Born: Nov. 15, 1980.

Keyon Whiteside - *Back, 6-2, 230 - Forest City, N.C. (Chase)*
National Recruiting Advisor, SuperPrep, PrepStar All-America...*Blue Chip Illustrated* all-region...*PrepStar* rated him No. 5 among Southeast linebackers...As a senior, played running back, linebacker, kicker, punter and kickoff returner...A two-time All-Western Carolina and all-county selection...As a senior, ran for 1561 yards with 28 TDs while making 121 tackles, 15 sacks, 17 forced fumbles and 13 fumble recoveries at linebacker...Also caught 25 passes for 291 yards...Career rushing totals were 4,144 yards and 36 touchdowns... Posted top game against Chesney where he returned a kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown, to go along with 176 yards rushing and four scores...Started four years on offense and defense...Rushed for 2,021 yards and caught 22 passes for 221 yards and seven scores as a junior...As a linebacker, had 119 tackles, 15 sacks and two interceptions during junior campaign...Also played basketball for four seasons while averaging 15 points per game as a senior...Ran 4x100- and 4x200-meter relays and long jumped (20-9) in track...Chase HS Coach: Randy Page...Full name: Keyon Whiteside...Born: Jan. 31, 1980.

The Last Word...

The 1,000-point Club!

If a man is known by the company he keeps, Brandon Wharton is in pretty good shape. With two free throws late in the Vols' 77-67 triumph over Ole Miss on Jan. 17, Wharton, the Vols' junior guard from Nashville Overton, became the 31st Vol hoopster to join the 1000-point club. He's the 14th guard so honored, joining 10 forwards and seven centers, some of the big names in Vol hoops history.

In that game, Wharton equaled his season high with 20 points, including 16 in the second half. Wharton's second of two free throws with 4:25 remaining brought him to the magic mark and gave the Vols a 59-54 advantage. He received the game ball for his efforts and said, characteristically, it would go, "...wherever my parents wanted it."

Wharton has now scored double figures in 10 of his past 11 games and 56 times during his career. He has tallied 20 points twice this season and in 12 games during his career.

Wharton led the Vols in scoring in 1996-97, averaging 16.8 points per game. He was also the league's top scorer in SEC play with a 17.9 mark. He's averaging 13.2 overall in 1997-98. Coming out of the Georgia game Feb. 4, Wharton now has 1071 points, good for 28th on the Vols' all-time list, tied with Bobby Croft (1968-70).

Here's a look at Brandon's key scoring moments. He hit point number 50 against Western Carolina, number 100 against South Florida and number 250 at LSU, all in 1995-96. He hit the 500-point plateau against ETSU and No. 750 against South Carolina, each in 1996-97.

"It means a lot to be a 1000-point scorer at Tennessee," Wharton said the day before the Kentucky game. "When I came here as a freshman, becoming a 1000-point scorer was one of my goals. Anytime you can reach your goals, it is a great feeling."

The list of Vols hitting the 1000-point mark is an impressive one. Allan Houston leads the Top 31 of Vol hoops with 2,801 over his career from 1990-93, followed closely by the rugged Ernie Grunfeld (1974-77) with 2249, the mercurial Tony White (1984-87) with 2219, the understated and underrated Reggie Johnson (1977-80) with 2103 and Dale Ellis (1980-83) with 2065. Ellis played inside as a Vol for Don DeVoe, and later

Brandon Wharton joined an impressive array of Vol hoopsters with his 1,000th point late in the Ole Miss game.

became a prodigious three-point artist in the NBA, the all-time leader in three-pointers made.

There are some famous names from across the generations of Tennessee basketball on the list. From the 1940s comes Paul (Lefty) Walther (1945-49) with 1173, a young man who could do almost anything you'd want on the court and do it with a flair. He may have been the "Pistol Pete" Maravich of his day.

From the decade of the 1950s, there are Carl Widseth (1953-56) with 1683, known in his playing days as the "Iowa Corn Stalk," Herman Thompson (1954-57), the savvy little (5-11) guard from Alcoa, with 1319, Ed Weiner (1952-55) with 1217, a Brooklyn native who made New York famous in Big Orange Country before Bernard King and Grunfeld, and Gene Tormohlen (1957-59) with 1020, the Holland, Ind., native who could clean the glass and score with the best of them. Tormohlen, you might be interested in knowing, is the only Vol on the list with more rebounds than points, finishing with 1113 caroms, a career average of 16.9, against a scoring average of 15.5.

The 1960s saw the emergence of all-sport star Ron Widby (1965-67) with 1432, the Vol who made All-America in football and hoops, Knoxville's Jimmy England (1969-71) with 1407, who had a nearly unstoppable fallaway jump shot in addition to running the team capably from the point his last two seasons, and Mike Edwards (1971-73) with 1343, known in his playing days as the "Greenfield Gunner" and the most likely beneficiary had the three-point shot been in effect in his day. Then there's Bill Justus (1967-69) with 1236, known and appreciated by Vol fans as the "Adrenaline Kid," the guy who made the two big free throws at Mississippi to give the Vols the 1967 SEC championship, A.W. Davis (1963-65) with 1225, a.k.a. the "Rutledge Rifle" and Ray Mears' first great player, the capable Don Johnson (1969-71) with 1196 and Croft, the Vols' first Canadian player.

In the seventies, there were, in addition to King (1975-77), as great a player all-around as the Vols have ever had, with 1962, Nashville's Mike Jackson (1974-77) with 1243, Len Kosmalski (1972-74) with 1202 and a dominating player in the post, and Terry Crosby (1976-79) with 1096. Spanning the 1970s and 1980s were Howard Wood (1978-81), the "Dancing Bear," with 1201 and Johnson City native Gary Carter (1979-82) with 1199.

The 1980s also brought Dyron Nix (1986-89) with 1877, long-range bomber Michael Brooks (1981-85) with 1600, Greg Bell (1988-91) with 1198, Fred Jenkins (1984-87) with 1149 and Rob Jones (1983-86) with 1070. In the 1990s, there were Steve Hamer (1993-96) with 1418 and Lang Wiseman (1990-93) with 1156.

"It's great for Brandon and a great accomplishment," Vol coach Jerry Green said. "It shows he has really worked hard on his game. Brandon is a great shooter and scorer for us. He has been an important part of Tennessee basketball for the past two and one-half years. His role is a little different this year, but he is still doing a good job for us."

Wharton now joins some pretty famous company of Vols who could flat out put the ball in the basket. Welcome to the club, Brandon.

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